**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Tuesday afternoon began our formal process of reporting to parents about student achievement. Parent Teacher Interviews run over two evenings with our next afternoon scheduled on Wednesday 23rd March between 3.20pm and 7.00pm. We hope these meetings further develop our home-school relationships as well as provide a succinct overview about how your child has transitioned into this year. It has been a short term however our teachers will have gathered some valuable insight into how your child learns, what they have achieved so far and where they feel the next level of learning should be targeted. As they are very short 10 minute meetings, parents may feel the need to make a further meeting time if they feel there are more concerns or information that needs to be shared. Teachers would be more than happy to accommodate these requests.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL for 2016**

Last night we had our School Council AGM which resulted in the establishment of our 2016 School Council. Our 2016 members are:

**Elected Councillors**

President: Charles Charalambous  **Parent Member**  
Vice President: Fiona Davies  **Co-Opted Community Member**  
Secretary: Jodee Jackson  **DET Employee Member**  
Treasurer: Jodee Jackson (DET)  **Assistant Treasurer:** Lynne Bartlett  **Parent Member**

**DET Employee Members**

Leanne Tingwell  **Executive Officer**  
Sally Armstrong  
Annemarie Webb  
Karen ter Haar

**Parent Members**

Stacey Lawler  
Melissa Houston  **Co-Opted PFA Representative**  
Wendy Kilcullen  
Mick Van Werkhoven  
Zoe Webster  
Penny Gaskell

Our School Council have the important task of being the major governing body of the school. It plays an important role in school accountability and improvement processes and also endorse the key planning, evaluation and reporting documents.

As an example, last night our members were able to be stepped through our 2016 Annual Improvement Plan (AIP). This plan outlines our Priority Areas for Improvement, as well as Key Improvement Strategies we will be implementing this year to achieve our goals. I have attached a summary page of these goals on the following page for your reference.

I look forward to working alongside this School Council in strengthening our community partnership and the learning achievement for all of our students. I also wish to thank them in advance for their commitment to this important responsibility.

**You’re children have been awesome this term—I am so lucky to be leading such a wonderful group of people. Have a great week :)**

Leanne Tingwell  **Principal**
Productivity
Review Induction Process, Mentoring & Coaching support within the Distributive Leadership Model.
Helping your child with Mathematics

Building on the work we have been doing with Michael Ymer at GKPS, each week we will be bringing you some Maths ideas to try at home!

**BIG IDEAS**

1. Building on success is important
2. Working things out for themselves
3. Time to think
4. Talk
5. Use mathematical words
6. Read children’s books with mathematical themes
7. There is no hurry
8. Help your child’s teacher

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES—TIME**

It is important that children can read both analogy (clock face) and digital time. It is useful to get them to learn to do particular tasks, such as:

- Setting DVRs, which not only require setting up a particular time, but setting it for particular lengths of time as well.
- Asking children “What is today’s date?”
- Keeping track of family birthdays and knowing which ones are coming.
- Estimating, then checking, how long it would take to find a particular name in the phone book.
- Examining use-by dates on items and comparing the dates with today’s date.

- Reading timetables: for example, ask “What time train would we need to catch to get to the football by one o'clock?”
- Asking time calculations like “How long is it from now until bedtime?” or “How long until your next birthday?”

5. **Use Mathematical Words**

Use mathematical words when you describe things. For example, instead of saying “the big red bucket” you might say “the 10 litre bucket”. Instead of saying “the large packet of rice,” you might say “the 2kg packet of rice”. In this way, children get to hear quantities being stated as an everyday way of describing things.
CONGRATULATIONS to our GREEN TEAM LEADERS

GK are FINALISTS in the LEADERS LOCAL GRANT COMPETITION! See Anne-marie Webb’s information later in our Linkletter. And get VOTING!!!!

Admin Information

PARENT TEACHER ONLINE:
Just a reminder that the last day for parent teacher interviews is next Wednesday 23rd March 3.20pm-7pm. If you haven’t made a booking yet please contact the office or the classroom teacher directly. Also if you have made a time and are no longer able to make it can you please let the school know as soon as possible.

BULK BILLING:
Bulk Billing notices have gone home for 2016. Please note that as well as the payment slip please return the new yearly permission slip to the office once completed.

All charges have been added to Qkr and we encourage families to use this fantastic easy way of paying GK school charges. If you need assistance with downloading Qkr or Skoolbag please come & see us at the office.

HEADLICE
We have had a couple of cases of headlice at GK, so can all parents please monitor your own child and carry out the following:

- Check your child’s hair today
- Monitor your child’s hair over the next week or two
- Ensure risk of transmission is lessened by keeping loose hair tied back (boys/girls)

RExINDER—FIRST INSTALxMENT OF $60 FOR THE GRADE 5 & 6 SPORTS PROGRAM DUE TOMORROW 18TH MARCH

MARCH SOTM’s will be celebrated at Monday’s Assembly. However due the great number of AWESOME students who have received them, we will not call all of them out at assembly on Monday. We will present Prep to Two on Monday and continue through Three to Six on our return in Term 2. Great job SUPER STARS!
# Student of the Month - March

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HARMONY DAY

On Monday 21st March, the students and staff at GK will be recognising Harmony Day. This year’s theme is 'OUR DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH' focusing on everyone is different, accepting others and respect. We are all encouraged to recognise diversity and acceptance as an important factor of our everyday lives.

It is an out of uniform day, where students come dressed in ORANGE (or accessorise in ORANGE). We ask students to bring in a Gold Coin donation and money raised will be donated to a worthy cause.

Thanks

JSC

Leaders Local Grant Finalists

GK has become finalists in the Leader Newspaper Local Grants Competition! We have submitted an idea to get some more nesting boxes around the schools to encourage wildlife into our school grounds like parrots, sugar gliders, possums and bats. Plus, with the money we will also purchase some infra-red cameras so students can see what's inside the box using their ipads.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP. Please vote for us by going to http://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/user/registering with an email address and then following the emailed link to login and search for 'GK Wildlife Warriors' and then giving us your 10 votes.

Encourage friends and family to vote too. The projects with the most votes will be awarded $1000 towards their project. Voting closes end of March so VOTE NOW.

Thanks for your support. Mrs Webb and the Green Team.

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Bunny Buster Lunch Munch is due back by 4pm TODAY. Payment can be made on QKR, please complete the Receipt Number on the flyer. No late orders will be accepted. If you can help out on the day, please contact me via the canteen or office on 9431-1599.

With the last week of term approaching I will be running the stock low so there may be some items not available. I will contact the student should there be a problem.

One very sad & lonely teal coloured top belonging to one of my volunteers moping in my cupboard; please contact me so I can arrange to reunite you.

Suzi Cunningham
BUNNY BUSTER LUNCH MUNCH

THURSDAY, 24TH MARCH, 2016

FULL NAME: ________________________________________________________________

GRADE: ____________________________________________

1 x SUBWAY VEGETARIAN 4 INCH SUB
(Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot on White Roll
made fresh by Diamond Creek Subway)

Served with
1 x MINI CHOC CHIP HOT CROSS BUN

&

1 x 250ml 100% POP TOP JUICE
Select Your Choice Of

☐ APPLE  or  ☐ ORANGE

$7.00

PLEASE RETURN BY 4PM THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH 2016
IF PAID ON QKR: Receipt No .........................

No late orders accepted/No refunds given.
NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY.

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED FROM 9.30AM to 11AM

NAME: ________________________________ CONTACT ph: ________________
(Mobile Preferred)
MOTHER's DAY STALL 2016
Wednesday 4th May

Donations wanted

Do you have anything you could donate that a Mum or Nana would want?

Could you donate any wrapped lollies, chocolates, potty mix, succulent cuttings bubble wrap, or wrappings?

Do you have a business or work for a company that could donate any gift items to the stall. Ex. Nursery items, teas, Biscuits etc...

Do you have any spare time to help put together the gifts for the stall or help at the stall?

Please Contact Sharon Murphy Ph/Sms 0407829036 or samualjj@bigpond.com
Please leave all donations in box at front door of the school office

Thankyou

GLEN KATHERINE MEGA FETE – 2017 is at risk of being CANCELLED.

In order to have a Fete in 2017 volunteers are required NOW to Co ordinate this event.

Unfortunately we only have one parent willing to assist on the committee so far.

A Mega Fete committee needs to be formed this month to commence preparations for next year’s fete. Date’s need to be set, rides ordered and planning started to ensure this great day for our children can occur. It is not only a fantastic way to raise a substantial amount of fundraising dollars for GK but is also a wonderful day to show case our school and bring families and the community together.

Support, guidance, and documentation provided by the PFA and School Council.

The core committee general consists of the following positions/roles:
Convener, Finance, Operations, Sponsorship/Donations

CAN YOU HELP?

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A FETE?

Contact Bridget Ramaekers 0407 243 024 or email glenkpf@gmail.com for any further information.

Please complete the form below and return to the school office

I am interested in assisting with the 2017 GK MEGA FETE (Please return slip to school office)

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Mobile:_______________________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________________
Eldest Child: ____________________________ Grade:____________
Pre Anzac Day - WORKING BEE
SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 9AM - 12NOON

You are invited to...

GK’s first working bee for 2016! The working bee provides a great opportunity to make a contribution to improving the school grounds and a chance to meet new families. As there is only two or three working bees a year it’s great to get as many people as possible to come along and work on projects that enhance our students’ grounds.

The major job is to build some seating in the area near the commemorative bollard and enhance the appearance of this area with some boxed up garden areas, prior to our 2016 ANZAC Day Commemorations.

This entails
- Constructing boxed seating
- Spreading mulch
- Spreading top soil
- Planting shrubs

Tools to bring
Rakes, shovels, brooms, hammers, wheel barrows, crow bars, power drills, saws, secateurs, smiles

Children are welcome as Mrs Webb will be looking for lots of helpers for mulching, pruning, watering and weeding the surrounding garden beds.

THERE WILL BE A FREE BBQ AND DRINKS AFTER THE WORKING BEE!

Families who attend will be in the draw for the special movie ticket prize.

Please indicate on the form below if you are able to attend and return to David Blackburn by Wednesday 13th April.

Thank you for your support. The GK Facilities Committee

WORKING BEE Sunday 17th April

The ___________________________ family is able to attend the working bee.

Child’s name ___________________________ Class __________________

Parent’s name ___________________________

I am unable to attend but am willing to make a donation towards the cost of supplies( eg soil, rocks, sleepers etc) to be used on the day. ___________________________ (amount enclosed).
COMMUNITY NEWS

DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO
FANCY DRESS
MARCH 18TH
7-10PM | 8 TO 13 ONLY | $8
COMMUNITY BANK STADIUM
953 HIGH STREET, DIAMOND CREEK
CONTACT: 9432 8398
WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU

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REGISTER NOW!

ELTHAM REDBACKS FC
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ELTHAM REDBACKS FC ARE SEEKING JUNIOR PLAYERS FOR SEASON 2016
Play at a family friendly club with the best football facilities in the district.
- Saturday skills program for U6 – U7
- Spiderlings program for 3 & 4 year olds
Enquiries to: www.elthamredbacksfc.org.au
secretary@elthamredbacksfc.org.au
Panthers Junior Netball Club are running
Net Set Go!
Thursday 21 April 2016
to
Thursday 23 June 2016
The Course will run for 10 sessions and the cost is $80.00.
This includes the sessions, insurance and a Net Set Go pack
from Netball Victoria.
The sessions will be held at DDNA Courts, corner Foote and
Anderson Streets, Templestowe from 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm.
Register your interest at panthersjuniornetball-club@gmail.com
or Phone 0491 126 876
I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the recently appointed Principal of Diamond Valley College. I have had a long and proud affiliation with the College and am deeply committed to the education and wellbeing of young people in the Diamond Valley communities.

I am looking forward to welcoming you to the College at our Open Day and Information Evening. It is a valuable opportunity to investigate what we can offer your child.

I am also available to take tours throughout the term and look forward to discussing why Diamond Valley College should be the school of choice for your child.